Testimony in SUPPORT of:

- S.B. No. 184 (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot.
- H.B. No. 5262 (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

I am writing in support of <u>S.B. No. 184</u> (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot and <u>H.B. No. 5262</u> (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

I support <u>S.B. No. 184</u> because it would extend the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse. Voting is extremely important to me, however, I am not sure I will feel safe in November to go vote in person. Nobody knows at this time which variant of COVID, if any, may be surging in the country. I have underlying health issues and I am a care giver. I CANNOT TAKE A CHANCE TO GET SERIOUSLY SICK.

I support <u>H.B. No. 5262</u> as it would amend our state statutes regarding the "illness" provision for absentee ballot voting **so that it is in line with our CT State Constitution.** THIS SHOULD BE A NO BRAINER!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joëlle Berger Westport, CT